



Response **Expedited Procedure**

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Applicant

: Richard J. Whitbourne et al.

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office action dated March 2, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply. Applicants petition for a one-month extension. The requisite fees are authorized on the attached transmittal. Should any additional fees be due, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

The Application is amended as follows:

The Claims LISTING begins on page 2.

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